

an effective amount of a water soluble, non-fermentable cellulose derivative selected from methylcellulose, ethylcellulose, carboxymethylcellulose and hydroxypropylmethylcellulose or a combination thereof, alone or in combination with an insoluble fiber.

2 (2x amended). The method according to Claim 1 wherein the water soluble, non-fermentable cellulose derivative is methylcellulose, or hydroxypropyl-methylcellulose.

5 (2x amended). The method according to Claim 1 wherein the water soluble, non-fermentable cellulose derivative is methylcellulose.

10 (amended). A method of reducing the incidence of breast cancer in a mammal in need thereof, which method consists essentially of administering to said mammal an effective amount of a water soluble, non-fermentable cellulose derivative selected from methylcellulose, ethylcellulose, carboxymethylcellulose and hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, alone or in combination with an insoluble fiber.

12 (2x amended). The method according to Claim 10 wherein the water soluble, non-fermentable cellulose derivative is methylcellulose, or hydroxypropyl-methylcellulose.

14 (2x amended). The method according to Claim 10 wherein the water soluble, non-fermentable cellulose derivative is methylcellulose.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4 to 11, and 13 to 18 are in the application. Claims 1, 2, 5, 10, 11 and 14 have been amended. Claims 3 and 12 have been cancelled. Claims 2 and 11 have been incorporated respectively into Claims 1 and 10. Applicants reserve their right to file divisional or continuation applications on cancelled or deleted subject matter. No new matter is believed added.

A marked copy of the amendments to the claims and specification accompany this response as an appendix labeled "Marked Version to Show Changes Made".

Rejection under 35 USC §112, first paragraph

Claims 1 and 10 are rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such as way as to